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## Daimler-Benz, Chrysler to merge

DETROIT (AP) — Chrysler Corp. will merge with German automaker Daimler-Benz in a multibillion-dollar deal that will reshape the auto industry, The Associated Press learned early today.

The merger was confirmed by Chrysler spokesman Jeff Leestma. It reportedly gives Chrysler — a flag-waving champion of the Buy American movement that once staved off bankruptcy with a government bailout — a \$35 billion sticker price.

Combining the German luxury carmaker with the pioneer of middle-class minivans not only brings together makers of two different classes of autos, but significantly broadens the global reach of both companies.

Chrysler will get greater access to the European market, something it has sought, while Mercedes parent Daimler-Benz will gain a bigger foothold in the American market, where it has worked to boost sales.

While the combination gives both companies an opportunity to cut costs — a priority in an industry that hasn't been able to raise prices — analysts doubt that dealerships will be combined to the point that Mercedes cars are sold side-by-side with Chrysler minivans.

"To some extent there is a hand-in-glove fit," said Scott Merlis, an analyst with Merlis Automotive International Inc. "I would say it looks like a match made in heaven to the extent the two cul-

tures can coexist."

Some wonder if Daimler's button-down managers will clash with the more freewheeling culture at Chrysler.

News of merger talks blindsided analysts. While they knew Chrysler and BMW spoke of a deal last year, few realized Chrysler and Daimler-Benz were talking.

The United Auto Workers said in a statement that it was pursuing information about the deal and any impact it could have. "Naturally, we are paying close attention," UAW President Stephen Yokich said.

The Canadian Auto Workers said the merger would position the companies to take advantage of a global market.

## Italian rains trigger fatal mudslides

SARNO, Italy (AP) — The black tide gushed down the mountain, smashing through the back of Villa Malta hospital and oozing through the doors and windows.

Some patients escaped the thick muck Wednesday by climbing down sheets tied to balconies. Others weren't so lucky.

After digging through the mud with their hands, rescue workers managed to open a window and pull out the bod-

ies of two doctors, a nurse, a doorman and a patient from under the rubble.

The horrific scene in Sarno, a town of 2,000 people, was the worst in two days of heavy rains that sent torrents of mud and water through city streets in a 40-mile area from Naples down to Salerno, in southern Italy.

At least 25 people died, 70 were missing and 1,800 homeless, according to the civil defense agency.

The mud burst into town centers in this thickly populated region, tore apart houses and bridges and swallowed cars. Panicked residents fled — if they had time.

In the town of Bracigliano, near Sarno, a woman and her three children — ages 13, 9 and 7 — were killed when a wave of mud swept by their home, dragging them downstream for nearly a half-mile. The children's father survived by climbing onto the roof,

news reports said.

When the rain stopped at midday, thousands of firefighters, soldiers and emergency workers searched for people under heaps of rubble and mud. They used cranes to lift debris, or lowered themselves from helicopters to pluck stranded residents from roofs.

Wet earth and boulders covered railroad tracks and roads, bringing transportation to a standstill.

## House panel approves sex segregation in boot camps

WASHINGTON (AP) — Men and women wouldn't share barracks or boot camp training any longer under legislation that a key House committee approved over objections from the military.

Backers of gender-separate training argue it could thwart sexual misconduct and distraction while opponents say women are likely to lose job opportunities and any equality they've gained in the male-dominated forces.

"Where will male and female recruits learn to work together?" Rep. Jane Harman, D-Calif., asked Wednesday. "We should train as we fight."

But several members of the House National Security Committee, which gave voice-vote approval to the revised training program Wednesday, noted same-sex training has caused problems, including harassment of recruits by drill instructors. They said teaching women fighting skills

away from men could help women's focus and confidence.

Boot camp is "the most vulnerable time of your life," said Rep. Gene Taylor, D-Miss., who said drill instructors control recruits' every move. "Imagine that person being a sexual predator. ... All we're trying to do is get basic training back to basic training, not social experimentation."

## Senate panel cites low morale of troops stationed in gulf

WASHINGTON (AP) — With so many U.S. troops on long overseas missions, President Clinton says more effort is needed by policy-makers to keep morale up, "beginning with me."

Clinton would not endorse the conclusions of a Senate delegation that military morale, particularly in the Persian Gulf, was severely low. "I'm not sure that it's so," he said.

But Clinton told a White House news conference Wednesday that it was important to "recognize that, as we ask more and more and more of our men and women in uniform, and they have longer deployments, we're going to have to work harder to make sure they get adequate support."

Clinton confirmed the aircraft carrier Eisenhower will delay its departure for the Persian Gulf for several weeks, which could temporarily leave the Stennis patrolling the waters alone in June. The Independence is scheduled to leave the gulf late this month.

Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said last week that Clinton was considering cutting the dozens of warships in the

gulf region because of changed conditions. Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has begun allowing U.N. inspectors into some disputed weapons sites, and his threats to shoot down U.S. surveillance aircraft have subsided.

Clinton said Wednesday, "The main thing I want to reaffirm is our determination to see the United Nations resolutions complied with and the inspection regime continue until it finishes its work."

A bipartisan delegation of seven senators, just back from a four-day visit to troops in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Bosnia, reported Wednesday that spirits were particularly low among service-members stationed in the gulf region.

Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said Army and Air Force personnel in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia are bored, feel cooped up and are tired of being sent back to the same region repeatedly.

"They cannot go off the bases, there's no towns for them to visit. They really are very confined," Stevens said. He said that morale among those stationed on ships seemed better than those in compounds.

## Witness notes Prowler indicator failed in test after Italy accident

By Raleigh News & Observer

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. — The altitude indicator on the Marine Corps jet that caused a deadly ski resort accident in Italy earlier this year malfunctioned in a test after the accident, an investigator testified Wednesday, and the plane's pilot has said it was not working right during the flight.

Sgt. Louis Vitalino, an airplane maintenance chief from Norfolk, went to Aviano, Italy, to inspect the EA-6B Prowler that severed two cable-car lines Feb. 3 and caused a gondola to crash to the ground, killing 20 people. Military investigators have said the plane was flying too low and too fast through the area.

Vitalino was one of several witnesses who testified for the government Wednesday during an Article 32 hearing, a procedure in which a military judge is gathering information to help decide whether the plane's four crewmen should be court-martialed.

## Bacon: Military preparedness remains 'challenge'

WASHINGTON (AP) — While front-line U.S. military units are ready to go to war, maintaining a high level of preparedness among the entire 1.4 million-man fighting force remains "a challenge," Ken-

neth Bacon said Tuesday.

Responding to recent reports of spare part shortages in the field and undermanned units, Pentagon officials said the military is still able to fulfill its capability of fighting

two major regional conflicts at nearly the same time.

Defense Secretary William Cohen and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Henry H. Shelton, "believe that the first-to-fight forces

are highly ready and are prepared to go when and where they have to go; and that maintaining readiness throughout the force is a challenge," the Defense Department's top spokesman said.

## Pentagon pooh-poohs Cuba threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Disintegration of the Soviet empire transformed Cuba's military into "a stay-at-home force that has minimal conventional fighting ability," the Pentagon says.

In a report released Wednesday, the Pentagon's Defense Intelligence Agency said the Cuban force, once one of the most active in the Third World, poses no significant threat to America or its neighbors. But the study expressed concern about Cuba's potential to develop biological weapons.

"Cuba has little motivation to engage in military activity beyond defense of its

territory or conventional military capability," said the unclassified version of the report released to reporters.

The island nation has a limited capability to engage in some military and intelligence activities which would be detrimental to U.S. interests "and which could pose a danger to U.S. citizens under some circumstances," the report said.

The status of Cuba's military threat became a focus of debate in Washington after a version of the Pentagon report appeared in The Miami Herald several weeks ago.

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## New Mexico nuclear dump may finally open its doors

CARLSBAD, N.M. (AP) — Twenty-four years after it was first proposed, a nuclear waste dump in a vast underground salt bed in the deserts of southeastern New Mexico could start filling up in a matter of weeks.

Should it open next month, it would cap years of debate over the safety of burying radioactive nuclear waste generated by decades of weapons work.

"This site and facility have received more intense scrutiny and scientific study for a longer period of time than any comparable activity in the history of this country," said Paul Robinson, head of a main researcher, Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque.

The Department of Energy proposed the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, 26 miles outside Carlsbad, in 1974.

Workers began hollowing tunnels in the salt beds in 1982. The repository, which has been ready for a decade, won preliminary approval from the Environmental Protection Agency in October.

The EPA is expected to issue final certification for the \$1.8 billion facility this month, though opponents — the ones still left after all these years — have promised to sue in a bid to block its opening.

The repository nearly a half-mile below the surface has seven miles of tunnels and two hoists to the surface that are shut off by airlocks flanked by 6-foot-thick steel doors. Even the air tastes of salt in this bed left by a sea that covered the area 250 million years ago.

The City of Carlsbad, reaping a financial windfall, has mostly supported the government during the years of safety and environmental studies. Storefront signs tout: "Another business for WIPP."

Mayor Gary Perkowski said it has created hundreds of good-paying jobs in the city of 27,000 and led to better roads, an influx of educated people, and a center that helps laid-off potash and oilfield workers train for new jobs.

## Prohibition ends in Ohio town

WESTERVILLE, Ohio (AP) — A group of temperance activists in Westerville helped bring Prohibition to the United States. And when the constitutional amendment banning alcohol was repealed, Westerville just shook its head and stayed dry.

But beer and booze will soon be flowing in the

Columbus suburb, which was once known as the "dry capital of the world."

Voters in the newer, largely undeveloped northern part of town on Tuesday easily approved four measures allowing liquor sales. The rest of town, which lies in a different county, will remain alcohol-free.

It's quite a change for a city that's had dry laws on the books since 1858.

When Henry Corbin challenged the laws in 1875 and opened a saloon on Main Street, he was the target of several demonstrations that included the town's leading citizens.

The protests escalated into vandalism.

## Survivor of 5 POW camps dies at 78

By Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Grayford C. Payne, 78, a retired Army chief warrant officer who served in three wars and survived five Japanese prisoner-of-war camps in World War II, died of emphysema at his home in Annandale, Va.

An ordnance technician, Payne was on active duty in the Army from 1941 to 1968. After World War II, he was stationed at various posts in the United

States and in Germany, Italy and Okinawa. He also served in the Korean and Vietnam wars, and his personal decorations included two Bronze Stars with the combat V device for valor.

But by his own account, nothing compared with his experience as a prisoner of war. He was captured in the Philippines in April 1942, and within 15 minutes a Japanese soldier bayoneted a 15-year-old.

## Lawmakers may try to block inhaler cut

From Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration is insisting that it won't leave patients in the lurch with its plan to phase out ozone-destroying asthma inhalers. But lawmakers may still move to block the plan.

"FDA has no intention of placing the health and safety of patients ... at risk," Dr. John Jenkins, a pulmonologist and FDA's director of the division of pulmonary drug products, told the House Commerce subcommittee on health and the environment Wednesday.

The current generation of asthma inhalers uses chlorofluorocarbon propellants, which erode ozone and increase bombardment of Earth by harmful ultraviolet rays. CFCs already have been banned in products including hair spray and air conditioners under a 1987 treaty.

The FDA is in the early stages of formulating a plan to replace the ozone-damaging inhaler propellants, a process that will take years.

### 20 hurt in L.A. train crash

LOS ANGELES — A commuter train collided with a tow truck near downtown Los Angeles on Wednesday night, injuring more than a dozen people.

Three people in the truck were critically injured, city fire spokesman Jim Wells said.

Between 10 and 15 people on the Metro Blue Line train were hurt in the 10:30 p.m. collision in Watts, south of downtown, he said.

No other details were immediately available.

### Nose-biting judge acquitted

CLARKSBURG, W.Va. — For former judge Joseph Troisi, 10 months of stress and public humiliation for biting the nose of a defendant are over.

"I feel like I've gone through purgatory," he said. "I'm a human being and I've been forced to be naked before strangers."

Troisi, 49, was acquitted Wednesday of federal charges that he violated the civil rights of the man bitten during a courtroom altercation.

Troisi, a Circuit Court judge, was accused of confronting Bill Witten after Witten repeatedly cursed at him while being led from the courtroom. Witnesses said he jumped from the bench, ripped off his robe and bit Witten.

# 'Assume the worst' tobacco judge tells jury

By Minneapolis-St. Paul  
Star Tribune

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Negotiations for a tobacco settlement continued Wednesday even as the judge in the smoking-and-health trial delivered jury instructions that left industry attorneys muttering in disbelief and claiming bias.

"I'm not aware of any comparable instruction," said Brown & Williamson Tobacco Co. attorney David Bernick after Ramsey County District

Judge Kenneth Fitzpatrick told jurors they could assume the worst when considering evidence of destroyed documents or testimony of witnesses who invoked the Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.

Meanwhile, in an undisclosed Twin Cities location, a small group of negotiators continued to struggle with terms of a settlement.

The lead tobacco industry negotiator is New York City

lawyer Meyer Koplow, who negotiated a national settlement last year. The state, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and trial law firm Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi are represented.

Negotiators for the state were said to be frustrated over industry demands, including one for immunity from smoking lawsuits brought by Minnesota counties.

A source familiar with the negotiations said today is a

critical day for reaching an agreement because the jury in the civil trial is expected to begin deliberations Friday. Settlement discussions can continue while the jury is out, but that's a risky proposition for both sides, since no one can be certain when their deliberations will end.

Both sides began meeting in earnest a week ago but talks broke down Tuesday night, several sources said. They resumed Wednesday.

## Court refuses to back worker who refused to fly U.S. flag

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut's free-speech law does not protect a defense worker who said he was fired for refusing to display an American flag at his workstation, the state's second-highest court ruled Wednesday.

The state Appellate Court ruled that private employees have the right to speak out on the job on issues of public or social concern, but that a company policy on flag-waving was not such a concern.

"The issue of whether the employer should have 'expected' the plaintiff to display a flag may be the subject of a grievance involving a condition of employment, but it is not a matter of public interest," Judge Antoinette Dupont wrote.

Gonzalo Cotto sued Stratford-based Sikorsky Aircraft, complaining that he had been fired in 1992 for refusing to put up the flag during a Gulf War celebration.

He also claimed he was singled out for speaking publicly against the company for allegedly pressuring employees to display the flag.

But Sikorsky officials said the company had no policy requiring employees to display the flag, and that Cotto was fired for creating a disturbance after employees were asked to display flags at their workstations.

"He threw the American flag on the floor, and he was sent home," company spokesman William Tuttle said. "On return to work, he wore the flag hanging out of his back pocket and used it as a handkerchief."

Cotto's attorneys argued that his firing violated a state law passed in 1983 that expanded free speech rights to private workplaces.

A lower court dismissed the lawsuit, ruling that the state and federal constitutions do not extend free speech rights to activities "on private property, against the wishes of the owner .."

## Woman buried in beloved Corvair

PROVIDENCE, R. I. (AP) — Three decades after consumer advocate Ralph Nader portrayed the Corvair as a casket on wheels in his book *Unsafe at Any Speed*, 84-year-old Rose Martin was laid to rest in her beloved 1962 model.

"She prearranged with us, and this was her wish. It was very well known throughout Tiverton that she wanted this," said Robert Ferreira, a director of Oliveira Funeral Home in Fall River, Mass.

Martin drove the flat-looking rear-engine white car around the Town of Tiverton, population 14,000, for 36 years.

"She just loved the car. She didn't care what it cost to fix the car. If the car was broken, she wasn't one to ask you how much. 'Just fix it,'" recalled Tiverton Auto Body owner George Murray.

Mourners at her burial at Pocasset Hill Cemetery both wiped tears and grinned as six police officers acting as pallbearers slid the inlaid wood coffin into an opening in the rear of the Corvair, which had been altered to accommodate the casket.

## Arkansas school authorities warned of shooting, attorney claims

NEW YORK (AP) — Other students warned school authorities ahead of the deadly Arkansas schoolyard shooting, a former lawyer of one of the boys accused said Wednesday.

Tom Furth, who was removed as 13-year-old Mitchell Johnson's lawyer for making statements to the media, told Court TV's *Cochran & Co.* that a guidance counselor and perhaps another teacher were warned.

He did not provide the names or any details of the warning.

"There will be adult accountability and there were other people who knew about this and they were warned ahead of time," said Furth, who now represents Mitchell's father.

Westside Middle School principal Karen Cutner said after the shootings that no one on the staff was aware of any threats.

Mitchell and Andrew Golden, 11, are accused in the March 24 shootings in Jonesboro, Ark., that left four children and a teacher dead. They are charged as juveniles with capital murder and battery.

"An 11-year-old and 13-year-old don't plan something like this without talking about it or without other people being involved," Furth said. "It's our understanding that there were a couple other children who knew about this."

## Kosovo unrest claims 3 more

PONOSEVAC, Yugoslavia (AP) — Unrest in Kosovo claimed at least three more lives Wednesday as Russia put new pressure on its traditional Serbian allies to accept foreign mediation in talks with the province's rebel Albanians.

Ethnic Albanian militants seeking to wrest control of Kosovo from Serbia struck Wednesday at a police patrol, killing one policeman and wounding two others. An attacker was also killed.

Albanians also said one of their regional politicians, Rifat Shala, died and his brother was badly wounded in an attack near Berane, 30 miles west of the provincial capital, Pristina.

The press center of Kosovo's rebel Albanian leadership said a 77-year-old ethnic Albanian was found dead in a riverbed in Decani, near the border with Albania. Serb sources said the elderly man — as well as another man — were killed Tuesday and identified both as ethnic Albanians loyal to Serbia.

An Associated Press television crew in Kosovska Mitrovica, 25 miles northwest of Pristina, saw pools of blood at the scene of the attack on the police patrol. A police car was riddled with bullets and surrounded by hundreds of spent casings. The dead attacker's body lay some 200 yards away.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility. But authorities suspect the Kosovo Liberation Army, the clandestine armed ethnic Albanian group that has claimed the lives of dozens of Serbs and pro-Serb ethnic Albanians since 1996.

Kosovo's Albanians make up 90 percent of the province's population. Most want independence from Serb-dominated Yugoslavia, and seem increasingly prepared to fight. More than 150 people have been killed in Serb-Albanian fighting since Feb. 28.

Enver Maloku, an ethnic Albanian official, reported overnight shooting in the restive Drenica region, where a crackdown by Serb police in March set off the current daily bloodshed.

Near the Albanian border, sporadic gunfire was heard in the village of Ponoševac, reportedly the scene of fierce fighting in recent days.

The village was nearly deserted Wednesday.

## 13 survivors pulled alive from Amazon plane wreck

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Rescuers battled thick mud and heavy rain Wednesday to pull 13 injured oil workers from the wreckage of an Occidental Petroleum plane that crashed in the Amazon jungle and burst into flames with 87 people aboard.

The survivors — some of whom were seriously hurt — had to be carried three miles on stretchers because driving rain prevented their evacuation by helicopter. Company officials said the 13th person was found in the muck nearly 18 hours after the plane went down.

Despite mud that swallowed some bodies, authorities held out hope that more survivors could be found among the dense grass and foliage. But they also declared the remaining 75 people missing and feared dead.

"We still have hope. There are so many places for the injured to be,"

said Jose Diaz, spokesman for Los Angeles-based Occidental Petroleum.

The Boeing 737, which Occidental chartered from the Peruvian air force to transport oil workers, plummeted into the swamp late Tuesday, three miles short of the airport at Andoas, an oil camp 650 miles north of Lima.

Most of the 79 passengers on the plane, including an American and a Venezuelan, were oil workers employed either by Occidental or local contractors. The flight also carried a crew of eight, but there were no crew members among the survivors.

The lone American aboard the plane, engineer Harold Whitehead, was not among those rescued Wednesday, Occidental officials said. Whitehead worked for the Peruvian engineering company Grana y Montero, and his family lives in the Peruvian river port of Iquitos.

## Kabila asks military leaders to come home

KINSHASA, Congo (AP) — President Laurent Kabila said Wednesday that several fugitive military leaders from Congo's ousted dictatorship should return from exile to help rebuild their battered Central African country.

"We want to see them back here," Kabila told reporters a day after Ivory Coast authorities were reportedly preparing to deport the officers. "Nobody's stands accused of anything, they must not be afraid."

Gen. Nzimbi N'Gbale, Gen. Kpama Baramoto and Gen. Mauvua Mudima — all top brass under the late dictator Mobutu Sese Seko — fled what was then Zaire last year when Kabila's rebel forces were poised to capture the capital of Kinshasa.

A senior Ivory Coast official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a fourth unnamed Congolese officer was also being held, along with an unidentified woman.

Congolese press reports

said there were only three officers in the group.

Although Kabila alluded to the fact that the generals had not been accused of any crimes, it is likely they would be jailed indefinitely and could even face execution, former Mobutu army officials say.

"They will be tried, but we don't know if they will be executed," said a former officer in Mobutu's army who served five months in a re-education camp.

## Ice floes feel brunt of Russian bombing

MOSCOW (AP) — Air force jets bombed the last ice floe on the Northern Dvina River, where the local governor reported Wednesday some of the worst flooding this century.

Su-24 jets, hampered by low clouds and poor visibility, bombed the ice fields after officials in Veliky Ustyug feared the floods would spread to that northern Russian city, the Interfax news agency

said.

Further south, where the Yug and Sukhona Rivers join to form the Northern Dvina, ice and snow started melting suddenly, causing floods, said Gov. Vyacheslav Pozgalyov of the Vologda region.

He said the floods were the worst this century and blamed weather officials for not predicting their severity.

## Bitter sweet: Supply of chocolate dwindling

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — It's a candy lover's worst nightmare — a decade from now, the world may start running out of chocolate.

It's not time yet to hoard the Hershey bars or stockpile M&Ms. But people are gobbling up candy bars twice as fast as chocolate is being produced and this year's cocoa crop is falling behind expectations.

"It's not going to disappear overnight," said Carol Knight, vice president of scientific affairs at the American Cocoa Research Institute in McLean, Va. "But if we don't work to assure its future, there could be a shortage."

Last month, the major candy companies gathered at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama to develop strategies to farm more cocoa beans.

M&M-Mars, based in Hackensack, paid for the meeting.

## Carly Simon battles cancer

NEW YORK (AP) — Carly Simon is undergoing chemotherapy to fight breast cancer. But the singer says she doesn't want — or need — public sympathy.

"I don't want to be singled out. The idea of people stopping me on the street — to say, 'I'm so sorry' — is kind of a downer. Then I have to comfort them," she said in Tuesday's Daily News. "I'm doing fine. The less explaining I have to do, the more energy I have to take care of myself."

Simon, 52, was diagnosed in October and had a tumor removed. She said her prognosis is good, and she has only two chemotherapy treatments left.

She said she went public with her diagnosis to prevent the tabloids from exaggerating her condition.

# Sean Lennon to follow in father's steps

From The Associated Press

At 22, the "Beautiful Boy" immortalized in John Lennon's 1980 song of the same name is ready to make his own mark on the music world.

Sean Lennon's debut album, *Into the Sun*, is set for a May 19 release. It's described as a mix of rock, jazz and bossa nova stylings.

The youngest Lennon, who penned his first song at 12, dropped out of Columbia University to enter the family business — music.

"I kind of just didn't want to waste my time there ... I wanted to be hanging out with my friends and starting rock bands," the son of former Beatle John Lennon and Yoko Ono told Entertainment Weekly for its May 8 issue.

### 'Baywatch' twin likes it hot

Caroline Paul is a firefighter who doesn't even own a bright red bathing suit, though she's often mistaken for her identical twin sister, Alexandra, late of *Baywatch*.

"I could be coming off a fire truck and someone will say, 'Hey, you're that girl from that *Baywatch* show. The one with the real breasts,'" Caroline Paul, 34, told Entertainment Weekly for the maga-

zine's May 8 issue.

Her sister played Lt. Stephanie Holden, David Hasselhoff's former boss on *Baywatch*. But it's fire that fascinates Caroline.

She is an eight-year veteran of the San Francisco Fire Department and the author of *Fighting Fire*, a behind-the-flames account of her job.

### Tabloid pays Pam, Tommy Lee

The National Enquirer has settled a libel lawsuit brought by Pamela Anderson and Tommy Lee after the tabloid reported they had a secret deal to reap more than \$8 million in profits from their honeymoon sex tape.

Details of Friday's deal were not released, but Anderson's lawyer, Ed Masry, said Tuesday: "Pam's happy, the Enquirer's happy, everybody's happy."

The lawsuit alleged that the National Enquirer falsely reported the now-estranged couple worked out a deal with Internet Entertainment Group to profit from the X-rated home movie.

The couple claim the tape was stolen from their Malibu home by a worker on a renovation project. It is now widely available in adult shops and over the Internet.

**Faces  
'n'  
places**

## In The Stars and Stripes

### 10 YEARS AGO

May 7, 1988 — Mayor Richard Caliguiri, who helped transform Pittsburgh from a sickly steel town to a vital corporate center, died of a rare heart disease after more than a decade in office. He was 56.

### 20 YEARS AGO

May 7, 1978 — Cincinnati Reds player Pete Rose got his 3,000th base hit in the fifth inning of a National League baseball game against the Montreal Expos.

### 30 YEARS AGO

May 7, 1968 — Astronaut Neil Armstrong parachuted safely from a moon landing trainer seconds before it crashed and burned near the Houston space center.

### 40 YEARS AGO

May 7, 1958 — President Eisenhower said that while the military threat posed by Russia to its neighbors probably had lessened, the greater threat to the free world had become economics.

### 50 YEARS AGO

May 7, 1948 — The United States suspended four-power talks on an Austrian peace treaty. Russia refused to yield to Western insistence that Austria's frontiers of January 1938 be preserved and that it escape all reparations.

## Rookie pulls even with record by striking out 20 Astros

By Associated Press

Just five games into his career, Kerry Wood tied one of baseball's biggest records.

Wood, just 20 years old, struck out 20 to match Roger Clemens' mark for a nine-inning game, pitching a one-hitter Wednesday to lead the Chicago Cubs to a 2-0 victory over the Houston Astros.

"I couldn't imagine ever doing this, to tell you the truth," Wood said. "It hasn't settled in, and I'm still in awe a little bit."

Wood (3-2) tied the record Clemens set against Seattle on April 29, 1986, and matched against Detroit on Sept. 18, 1996. Clemens, a fellow Texan, watched the highlights on television before Toronto played Anaheim.

"I think it's awesome," Clemens said. "He had really unhittable stuff. It looked great from what I saw,"

Wood, who broke the previous NL record of 19 shared by Steve Carlton, Tom Seaver and David Cone, had 18 strikeouts through eight innings.

He struck out pinch-hitter Billy Spiers on a 1-2 pitch leading off the ninth, his seventh straight strikeout. Craig Biggio then grounded to shortstop on a 1-0 pitch. Wood tied the record by fanning Derek Bell on a 1-2 pitch.

"I had no idea how many I had going into the last three innings," Wood said. "After the first inning, I knew I had three and I lost track after that."

In other games, Milwaukee defeated San Diego 3-2, San Francisco outlasted Florida 10-9, Pittsburgh blanked St. Louis 5-0, New York beat Arizona 8-2 and Cincinnati beat Montreal 4-2.

At Wrigley Field, Houston's only hit was a third-inning single off third baseman Kevin Orie's glove by Ricky Gutierrez.

"I'll go up there and tell them to give me an error," said Orie, who stretched for the ball but didn't dive.

Shane Reynolds (2-3) pitched a eight-hitter and struck out 10. Henry Rodriguez hit a sacrifice fly in the second and Jose Hernandez hit an RBI ground-out in the eighth.

### Braves 7, Dodgers 0

Greg Maddux (4-2) allowed five hits in seven innings, and Chipper Jones and Michael Tucker homered off Darren Dreifort (0-3).

Atlanta has won eight of nine and 17 of 21 overall, and six straight over the visiting Dodgers.

Maddux won for the fourth time in five decisions, striking out five and walking none. He retired 14 straight until Todd Hollandsworth singled in the sixth.

### Phillies 7, Rockies 6

Bobby Abreu, 4-for-5 with three RBIs, singled home the winning run in the 10th off Chuck McElroy (0-1) after Philadelphia wasted a 5-0 lead.

## Stars won't look past Edmonton

By Associated Press

The first round of the Stanley Cup playoffs proved that home ice and the favorite's role didn't mean much.

So the Dallas Stars certainly aren't taking the Edmonton Oilers lightly, especially considering what happened last year.

"Edmonton is really playing well and they're on top of their game. Skill-wise, this team is right up there with the Red Wings," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said as his team prepared for tonight's Western Conference game with the Oilers, one of two second-round openers.

Washington plays host to Ottawa in the Eastern Conference semifinals. On Friday, it's the start of the other two conference semifinals — St. Louis at Detroit in the West and Buffalo at Montreal in the East.

The battle lines are already drawn between the Stars and Oilers. Last year, the Oilers pulled off a first-round upset of the heavily favored Stars, who had tied for the second-best record in the league.

At the start of this year's playoffs, the Stars were seeded No. 1 and the Oilers No. 7. While the Stars advanced with a six-game series victory over eighth-seeded San Jose, the Oilers upset No. 2 Colorado in seven.

It was one of four upsets in the first round.

## Mayfield finds his place atop Winston Cup standings

By Associated Press

A twentysomething sitting atop the Winston Cup standings is hardly news on the NASCAR circuit. Nearly everybody has come to expect it.

After all, Jeff Gordon has won the title twice in the last three years. But the young lion roaring the loudest now isn't The Kid.

It's Jeremy Mayfield, an unassuming Kentuckian who wouldn't mind being part of stock car racing's next dynamic duo.

"A rivalry wouldn't hurt the sport, that's for sure," he said.

But Mayfield cautions that he must improve to make that scenario a reality.

So, instead of reveling in his lofty status — attained with a second-place finish

last Sunday in the California 500 — the 28-year-old driver was concerned with working hard to protect it.

He immediately went to Sonoma, Calif., to attack one of his weaknesses — driving the road courses.

That attitude is helping Mayfield considerably, says crew chief Paul Andrews, who knows something about the development of young drivers. He helped the late Alan Kulwicki win the 1992 series title.

"He's definitely still a young driver, but he's got a lot of good experience underneath him already," Andrews said of Mayfield. "We've all got our weak areas, but he has a knack, a cautious eye, for staying out of trouble, for avoiding wrecks in front of him."

Indeed. Mayfield has replaced Penske-

Kranefuss teammate Rusty Wallace at the top of the standings in part by remaining unscathed in the last two races — where multicar pileups hurt some of the other contenders.

This comes as no surprise to Michael Kranefuss, who hired Mayfield late in the 1996 season.

"He's always got a sense of what's going on around him," said Kranefuss. "This kid doesn't even know how good he is, but he has a quiet confidence that I've only seen in some of the best drivers over the years."

Mayfield certainly has lived up to the Andrews' expectations. He thought a top-10 in the standings this year was a good possibility after Mayfield missed by just 29 points in 1997.



# Tiger rally doubles-up Oakland, 10-5

By Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Bobby Higginson's two-run homer capped a three-run eighth inning as the Detroit Tigers rallied for a 10-5 win over the Oakland Athletics on a rainy Wednesday afternoon.

The start of the game, played before 5,335 soggy fans, was delayed 35 minutes and a steady rain fell throughout the contest. Tuesday night's game between the teams was postponed because of a wet field.

## Indians 14, Orioles 5

CLEVELAND — Jim Thome homered

and drove in five runs as the Cleveland Indians scored seven runs against Scott Erickson in a rout of the sputtering Baltimore Orioles.

## Devil Rays 5, Royals 0

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Rolando Arrojo pitched a three-hitter for his second consecutive shutout and Tampa Bay stopped a four-game losing streak with a victory over Kansas City.

## Twins 8, Red Sox 7

BOSTON — Ron Coomer went 3-for-5 with a homer and LaTroy Hawkins earned his first win of the year as the

Minnesota Twins held on to beat the Boston Red Sox.

## Yankees 15, Rangers 13

ARLINGTON, Texas — At first it seemed like the Yankees would cruise to their 21st win in 23 games. Then, Texas turned it into New York's wildest win of the season.

Jorge Posada hit a go-ahead single in the eighth inning, and Derek Jeter drove in a career-high five RBIs as the Yankees beat the Rangers after blowing a 9-0 third-inning lead.

## Former Bull swishes Charlotte past Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Bulls stood around, waiting for Michael Jordan to save them once again.

It didn't happen. And the Bulls have Jordan's former backcourt mate to thank.

B.J. Armstrong scored eight of his 10 points in the final period, including the game-sealing jumper with 17 seconds left, as Charlotte rallied to beat Chicago 78-76 Wednesday night.

As Armstrong's 17-footer went in — right in front of Chicago's reserves — he turned toward his old teammates, pumped his fist and started woofing at them. The Bulls could only stare back in silence.

And Armstrong, who played on Chicago's first three championship teams of the decade but was left unprotected in the 1995 expansion draft, wasn't about to let the moment go. He was still yapping at Scottie Pippen after a timeout.

"Some people may be shocked with his attitude and some of his gestures, but give him respect," Jordan said. "He motivated his team and won a game, a big game for them."

A big game? Try a huge game. Charlotte's victory evened the Eastern Conference semifinals at one game apiece, with Game 3 on Friday in Charlotte. The Bulls have now lost Game 2 of the conference semifinals for a second straight year.

In the only other game played Wednesday night, the Los Angeles Lakers tied their Western Conference semifinal at 1-1 by crushing Seattle.

## Williams sisters take steps toward quarterfinal meet

ROME (AP) — Venus Williams and her kid sister, Serena, both won at the Italian Open today and took another step toward a possible meeting in the quarterfinals.

Venus had no trouble beating Maria Antonia Sanchez Lorenzo 6-1, 6-4. Serena Williams also advanced when Joannette Kruger retired with a back injury while trailing 5-1.

Second-seeded Jana Novotna made another quick exit from this tournament with a self-inflicted loss.

Novotna let three match points slip away on errors and lost to French qualifier Alexandra Fusai 2-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-3. Novotna has lost all four matches she has played in Rome dating back to 1987.

The clay court event also lost its third seed when Amanda Coetzer was beaten 6-2, 6-2 by Romanian Ruxandra Dragomir.

Defending Italian Open champion

Mary Pierce and former winners Monica Seles and Conchita Martinez all won today, as did Iva Majoli, who is sharpening her game for a defense of her French Open.

Other seeds into the round of 16 were No. 5 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, No. 10 Irina Spirlea, No. 12 Sandrine Testud, No. 13 Dominique Van Roost, and No. 15 Lisa Raymond, who outlasted fellow American Anne Miller 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (9-7).

Pierce beat French Federation Cup teammate Sarah Pitkowski 6-1, 6-2, while 1990 Italian Open winner Seles defeated Italy's Silvia Farina 6-2, 6-1.

The Williams sisters could face each other in the quarterfinals. "When I saw the draw I was disappointed because I was looking forward to a final or semifinal meeting," said 16-year-old Serena, who has vaulted more than 400 ranking spots to 31st in the past seven months.

## Indians take a chance on outfielder Whiten

From Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Indians gave outfielder Mark Whiten a chance to revive his career, signing the outfielder to a one-year contract.

Whiten, 31, was playing in Mexico after the New York Yankees released him last August following

his arrest on a sexual assault complaint. He was never charged, but no one invited him to spring training.

## Jordan on defense

CHICAGO — Michael Jordan, who won a record 10th scoring title this season, was selected to a record ninth NBA All-De-

fensive team.

The Chicago guard was joined by teammate Scottie Pippen, who made his seventh team. Utah's Karl Malone also was selected along with Seattle's Gary Payton, and Atlanta's Dikembe Mutombo, the NBA Defensive Player of the Year.